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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/889,319 filed Jul. 8, 1997 USP 6,085,169 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/707,660 filed Sep. 4, 1996 USP 5,794,207 and U.S. application entitled "Method and System for Controlling Access to a Venue using Alterable Tickets," U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/916,656 (Attorney Docket No. "WD2-97-052") filed Aug. 22, 1997, each incorporated by reference herein. The present invention is related to the following United States Patent Applications filed contemporaneously herewith: "Conditional Purchase Offer Management System for Packages," U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/923,317 (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-065); "Conditional Purchase Offer Management System for Telephone Calls," U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/923,317 (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-028); "Conditional Purchase Offer Management System for Cruises," U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/923,618 (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-069); and "Conditional Purchase Offer and Third-Party Input Management System," U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/923,524 (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-067), each assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein.

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TITLE: System and method for aircraft passenger check-in and boarding using iris recognition

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Abstract Text (1):

A system and method for automated aircraft boarding uses an iris recognition system for check-in and boarding. The passenger is enrolled once and assigned an account number. The passenger thereafter makes reservations using that account number. On arrival at the airport, the passenger is identified using an iris recognition system and automatically checked in for the flight, without the use of cards or other identification. Entry to the aircraft at the gate may also be provided with an iris recognition station. In one preferred embodiment, baggage check and baggage reconciliation are also performed using iris recognition. In its preferred embodiment, the disclosed system and method enhances customer convenience by eliminating tickets, boarding passes, and identification steps, while improving aircraft security.

Brief Summary Text (7):

Airlines similarly depend on tickets to determine who will be allowed to board an aircraft. Unauthorized resale of tickets and security concerns about allowing unidentified persons on board an aircraft has recently led the Federal Aviation Administration, and airlines, to require that passengers show identification when checking in, in addition to a ticket.

Brief Summary Text (17):

Another important object of the invention is to provide an improved biometric ticketless identification system which facilitates making airline reservations, checking in, and boarding of aircraft and provides enhanced verification and enhanced security features.

Brief Summary Text (19):

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved system and method for expediting fare collection in a mass transit system using coordinated biometric identification of preregistered users at both ingress and egress points to determine variable fares to be charged to user accounts.

Brief Summary Text (31):

These objects and others are achieved by providing an integrated access control and accounting system which identifies registered users by scanning a stable biometric characteristic as the user passes through a checkpoint. An account associated with the user is then debited by a ticket charge, usage fee, fare, or other charge appropriate to the site or conveyance accessed through the system. In various preferred embodiments, the system is connected to a financial network for processing of charges, and point of purchase stations are provided within the controlled area so that registered users may charge goods and services to their accounts without carrying cash or other artifacts.

Detailed Description Text (24):

FIG. 1b shows entrance 118 to turnstile 102 which is provided with a height sensor 120. As shown in FIG. 1b, height sensor 120 may be a series of closely spaced light beam transceiver units 128 paired with associated reflectors 130. Four such pairs

are shown as an example, but 8, 12, or more pairs may be provided to obtain a desired increment of height detection to properly align the image scanning camera of biometric sensor 112 with the iris of the person entering the turnstile. In operation, the system determines the height of the user by identifying which light beams are interrupted as the person passes through entrance 118. The height of the individual can be estimated as less than the lowest beam which is not interrupted, and greater than or equal to the height of the highest beam which is interrupted. In particularly preferred embodiments, the height sensor 120 may use a tracking infrared or laser mechanism to intelligently measure the height of the customer.

Detailed Description Text (47):

A code may also be stored to authorize the dispensation of cash to the user, upon request, while passing through the turnstile, and to indicate an amount of cash to be dispensed. For example, a user may wish to have the option to press a button during the identification process and, following verification of identity, receive a \$20 bill from a dispenser in the turnstile. Another user may not wish to have a cash issue option.

Detailed Description Text (57):

A preferred process for implementing the system in an air travel application is shown in FIG. 6. To make a reservation, the user first identifies himself or herself as a registered customer using an account number or other identifying information, such as name and address, or preferably a biometric scan, as shown in Block 602. Next, the reservation information is received (Block 604) and the reservation information is recorded in conjunction with identification of the relevant user account (Block 606). Upon arrival at the airport, the user will be scanned at a biometric scanning station (Block 608). In block 610, the identity of the passenger is matched to the user account under which the reservations were made. If a match is found, execution continues at block 612 and the passenger is "checked in," i.e. the seat assignment is confirmed, luggage is tagged and accepted, and if desired, a boarding pass is issued. If desired, of course, the system may be used in a manner which substantially eliminates the issuance of tickets and boarding passes, based on scanning and verification of user identity at each stage of the luggage check and retrieval, area access control, and boarding process, where a boarding pass is traditionally used as identification.

Detailed Description Text (58):

If the user's biometric does not match that of a reservation, a manual error handling process is initiated as shown in Block 614. In this process, the user's identity is verified through additional forms of identification, and a decision is made whether to allow the person to board the aircraft. If the person is permitted to board, he or she is first registered in the system, and then checked in as described above. If the user is a first time user of the system, or if additional people are traveling with the user or on the user's account, their biometric information is registered either at the time of making the reservation, or at a station provided in the vicinity of the airport ticket counter.

Detailed Description Text (60):

Preferably, in addition to scanning at the time of receiving a boarding pass, checking luggage, or "checking in," the user may be scanned again as shown in block 616, to verify identity at the gate during the process of boarding the aircraft. In this manner, only persons who have been positively identified and matched with a known user record which made the reservation will be permitted to board the aircraft. Again, if the biometric of a person attempting to board the aircraft does not match that of a checked in passenger, control passes to the error handling process in Block 614.

Detailed Description Text (61):

As another feature of the invention, shown in block 618, shortly before departure of the aircraft, the system may automatically generate a list of passengers who checked luggage but who did not actually enter the aircraft, based on biometric scan records at the gate. Any "unaccompanied luggage" may then be removed from the cargo hold as a security measure.

**CLAIMS:**

42. A method for expedited passenger baggage check and boarding onto an aircraft using iris recognition, comprising the steps of:

enrolling passengers to create a plurality of passenger account records, each including an account identifier and iris data sufficient to positively identify the passenger without requiring further identification;

accepting a flight reservation from a passenger having a passenger account record, and storing a flight reservation record linked to said account identifier;

providing a first iris identification station at a baggage check location and imaging an iris of a person seeking to check baggage to obtain iris feature information sufficient to positively identify said person without the presence of other forms of identification or tokens;

comparing said iris feature information obtained at said first iris identification station to at least those passenger account records having an associated reservation for a flight to match said person seeking entry to said iris data in one of said passenger account records, and when a matched passenger account record and flight reservation record are identified, tagging and receiving the person's baggage;

providing a second iris identification station at a gate location and imagine the iris of a person seeking to board the aircraft to obtain iris feature information sufficient to positively identify said person without the presence of other forms of identification or tokens;

comparing said iris feature information obtained at said second iris identification station to at least those passenger account records having an associated reservation for a flight to match said person seeking entry to said iris data in one of said passenger account records, and when a matched passenger account record and flight reservation record are identified, permitting the person to board the aircraft without requiring further identification or manipulation of tokens.

55. A method for automated aircraft passenger baggage checking, boarding, and baggage reconciliation using iris recognition, comprising the steps of:

enrolling passengers to create a plurality of passenger account records, each passenger account record including an account identifier and biometric iris data sufficient to positively identify the passenger without requiring further identification;

accepting a flight reservation from a passenger having a passenger account record, and storing a flight reservation record linked to said account identifier, said flight reservation record including a seat assignment;

providing a first iris recognition station at a baggage check location and imaging an iris of a person seeking to check baggage to obtain iris feature information sufficient to positively identify said person without the presence of other forms of identification;

comparing said iris feature information to at least those passenger account records having an associated reservation for a flight to match said person seeking entry to a passenger account record, and when a matched passenger account record and flight reservation record are identified, tagging and receiving the baggage;

providing a second iris identification station at a gate location and imagine an iris of a person seeking to board the aircraft to obtain iris feature information sufficient to positively identify said person without the presence of other forms of identification;

permitting a passenger with a matched passenger account record and flight reservation record at the second iris identification station to board the aircraft without requiring further identification; and

automatically reconciling records of baggage checked at said first iris identification station with records of passenger boarding at said second iris identification, station to identify baggage which was checked but whose owner did not board the aircraft, so that such baggage does not go with the aircraft.

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This application claims the benefit of the following U.S. Provisional Patent Applications: Ser. No. 60/070,566, filed Jan. 6, 1998, and Ser. No. 60/054,339, filed Jul. 31, 1997.

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#### ABSTRACT:

A system and method for automated aircraft boarding uses an iris recognition system for check-in and boarding. The passenger is enrolled once and assigned an account number. The passenger thereafter makes reservations using that account number. On arrival at the airport, the passenger is identified using an iris recognition system and automatically checked in for the flight, without the use of cards or other identification. Entry to the aircraft at the gate may also be provided with an iris recognition station. In one preferred embodiment, baggage check and baggage reconciliation are also performed using iris recognition. In its preferred embodiment, the disclosed system and method enhances customer convenience by eliminating tickets, boarding passes, and identification steps, while improving

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Item # 2162297619

[Travel:Luggage:Carry-ons](#)Current bid **US \$6.79**Starting bid **US \$6.79**Quantity **8**# of bids **0** [Bid history](#)Time left **4 days, 10 hours +**Location **SF Bay Area, CA**Started **Mar-04-03 17:00:00 PST**[Mail this auction to a friend](#)Ends **Mar-09-03 17:00:00 PST**[Watch this item](#) **timesharevalues(445)**

Seller (rating)

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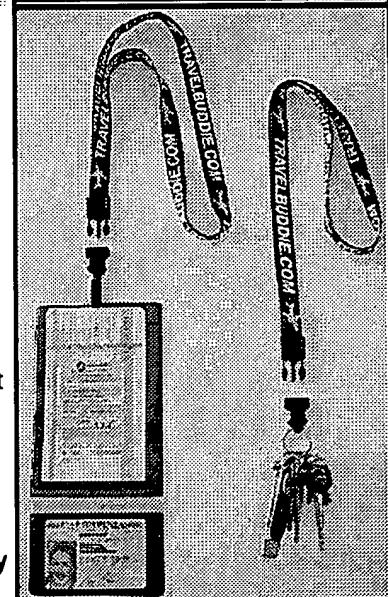
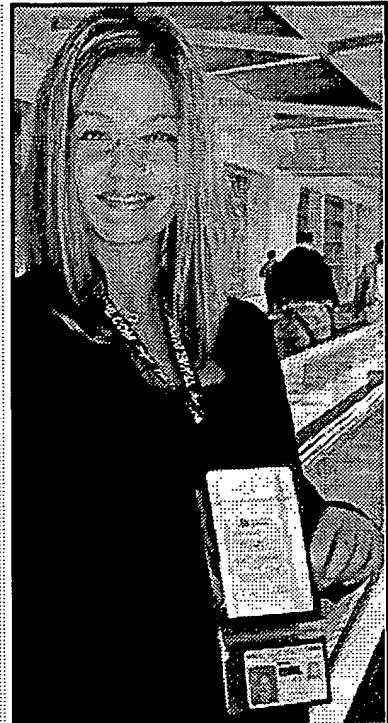
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**Bidding**

## Travel Timeshare Security Ticket ID Holder

Item # 2162297619

Starting bid US \$6.79

Quantity of items  
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## LUGGAGE - TRAVEL WALLET - ID HOLDER NECK CASE

Item # 2162168934

### Travel:Luggage:Suitcases



Current bid **US \$4.95**

Starting bid **US \$4.95**

Quantity **1**

# of bids **1 Bid history**

Time left **10 hours, 55 mins +**

Location **Bagpeddler- Great deals in Portland, OR!!**

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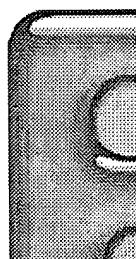
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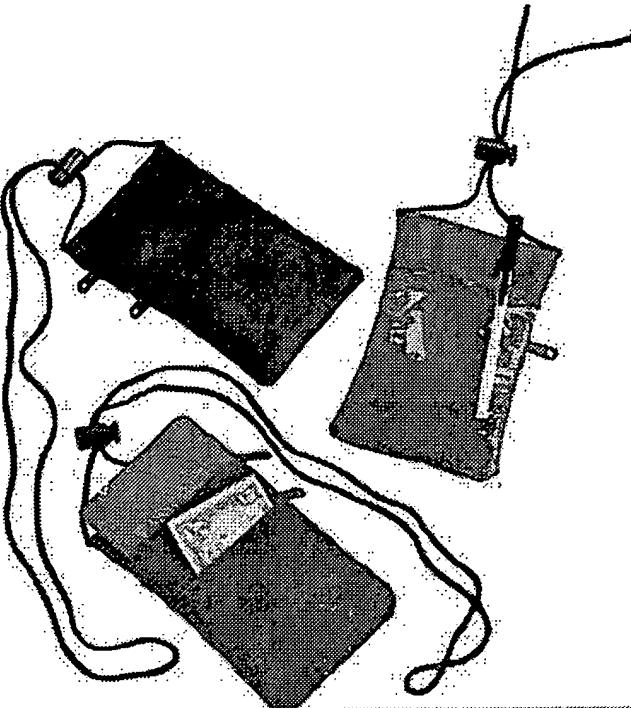
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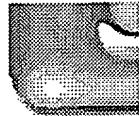
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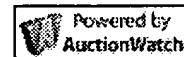
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## LUGGAGE - TRAVEL WALLET - ID HOLDER NECK CASE

Item # 2162168934

Current bid: US \$4.95

Bid increment: US \$0.25

Your maximum bid:

(Minimum bid: US \$5.20 )

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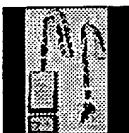
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## What Rights Are Left after 11 September?



*The only real security that a man can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, combined with the power of making it effective.*



by Steve Lopez



Jason Steinberg, a photojournalism student from Long Beach, was on the way to his Aunt Gail's house in Phoenix for Thanksgiving dinner. While waiting for a Southwest Airlines flight at LAX, Steinberg began taking photographs.



"I'm doing a project for class about the aftermath of September 11," says Steinberg, 26, who works as a customer representative at a hospital when he is not at Angeles Harbor Community College.

After passing through a security checkpoint, Steinberg took a quick photo of a female National Guard trooper, with passengers in the foreground.

The guard did not approve.

"She demanded my film, and I rewound it right away in case she popped the open and ruined it," says Steinberg.

He should have counted himself lucky he doesn't resemble a Middle Eastern terrorist. There's no telling how long he'd be locked up without explanation while authorities eavesdrop on his telephone conversations with Aunt Gail. But Steinberg feels uncomfortable about having so easily surrendered his film. Didn't he have to take a photograph in a public place? So he went back to ask for an expl

He says the trooper, an airline representative and a cop told him it was a risk, and his film would be destroyed. End of conversation.

Good work. No telling what might have happened if the Al Qaeda network gotten its hands on that hot photo.

I checked with the Guard and LAX, and neither has any specific policy proh photography. So Steinberg, it appears, simply ran into an overzealous team crime busters. All of which prefaces a question: Have we slid headlong in state, using September 11 to justify everything from locking up bewildered immigrants to strong-arming Kodachrome away from photography students way to Aunt Gail's for Thanksgiving?

The Bush administration has gone positively medieval. So much so that it's beginning to terrify people, including some who are usually on its side.

"How can you talk about full partnership when nobody let us know that thi executive order was coming?" US Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pennsylvania) de of a Justice Department official, called on the carpet this week in Washing Specter, a former prosecutor, was horrified that President Bush, US Attorn John Ashcroft and a few others in the Star Chamber cabal are running thei private government, freezing out Congress and everyone else. It almost so a report from Comedy Central, but Bush wanted to try suspected terrorists secret military tribunals. The Justice Department, meanwhile, has locked of people without naming them or charging them. And they've been eaves on their telephone conversations. There's no strong indication yet that the pulling out fingernails or bringing the thumbscrews and rack up from the b but there's no way to know for sure.

It'd be easier to justify these tactics if the government had cracked the ba Osama bln Laden's terrorist network. But after rounding up more than 1,00 they've come up with one. The names of more than 500 detainees have st been released. Six hundred others had minor immigration violations, and n the 93 facing criminal charges are accused of terrorism.

"Due process should be observed, and it's not. Full disclosure should be ob and it's not," Jim Zogby of the Arab American Institute told me. "People's being taken apart because they have an Arab surname and a minor violatio visa, and I don't see it getting any terrorists. I see it dragging people throu mud."

Here in LA, Jason Steinberg is watching the federal proceedings with a litt interest than he did before Thanksgiving. He feels no particular kinship wi detainees, obviously. All he lost was a roll of film. But he wonders if the Department's Gestapo model has emboldened authorities everywhere. Ste

hasn't given up on his confiscated film, by the way. Once you've surrendered freedom, no matter how small, you begin to understand its true value.

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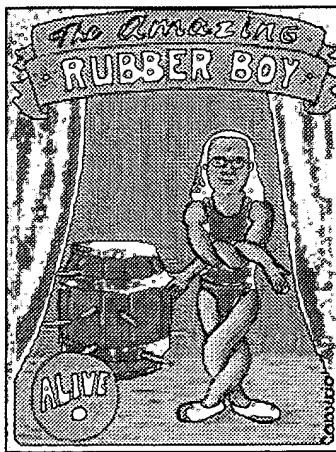
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## Federal VIP Penn



Last Thursday I was flying to LA on the Midnight fli went through security my usual sour self. I beeped course, and was shuttled to the "toss-em" line. A s guy came over. I assumed the position. I had a bu shirt on that was untucked. He reached around wh behind me and grabbed around my front pocket. I was going for my flashlight, but the area could hav been called "crotch." I said, "You have to ask me b touch me or it's assault."

He said, "Once you cross that line, I can do whatev want." I said that wasn't true. I say that I have th saying no and not flying. He said, "Are you going to let me search you, or throw you out?" I said, "Finish up, and then call the police please."

When he was finished with my shoes, he said, "Okay, you can go." I said, "see your supervisor and I'd like LVPD to come here as well. I was assaulted He said, "You're free to go, there's no problem." I said, "I have a problem, send someone over." They sent a guy over and I said that I'd like to registe complaint. I insisted on his name and badge number. I filled it out with m The supervisor, I think trying to intimidate me, asked for my license, and I him happily as he wrote down information. I kept saying, "Please get the p and they kept saying, "You're free to go, we don't need the police." I insist they got a higher up, female, supervisor. I was polite, cold, and a little fu "Anyone is welcome to grab my crotch, I don't require dinner and a movie, me. Is that asking too much? You wanna grab my crotch, please ask. Doe seem like a crazy person to you?" I had about 4 of them standing around. Metro PD shows up. It's really interesting. First of all, the cop is a BIG fan and that ain't hurting. Second, I get the vibe that he is WAY sick of these leather-sniffers. He has that vibe that real cops have toward renta-cops. working WAY to my advantage, so I play it.

The supervisor says to the cop, "He's free to go. We have no problem, you to be here." Which shows me that the Feds are afraid of local. This is rea She says, "We have no trouble and he doesn't want to miss his flight." I say take an early morning flight or a private jet." The cop says, "If I have a cit is saying he was assaulted, you can't just send me away." I tell the cop the a very funny way. The cop, the voice of sanity says, "What's wrong with yo You can't just grab a guy's crank without his permission." I tell him that m weren't grabbed and the cop says, "I don't care, you can't do that to people assault and battery in my book."

The supervisor says that they'll take care of the security guy. The cop says leaving until Penn tells me to. Now do you want to fill out all the paper w show up in court, because I'll be right there beside you." The supervisor sa

internal matter, and they'll take care of it. "If you want to pursue this, we to have to go through the electronic evidence." I say, "You mean videotape go get it." She says, "Well, it'll take a long time, and you don't want to miss flight. We have no problem with you, you're free to go." The cop says, "You grabbed his crank. That ain't right."

So, I fill out all the paper work and insist on a number to call to register a complaint. She says that I filled out a complaint, and I say, "I want more, another number." She gives me a number that I find out later has been disconnected. I leave. I have a card with the name and number on it and 800 number for the FAA. My flight is way delayed, so I go to Burger King w - and all the feds are now off duty and at BK and sneering at us.

The next day the woman in charge of public relations calls me to "do anything to make my McCarran experience more enjoyable." I was a little under the weather with allergies and busy, so I didn't call back until yesterday. It took some time but I finally got the woman on the phone. I was very cool and sweet. I explained the problem. "Do you allow your crotch to be grabbed without being asked?" I exaggerated, I said that there was nothing sexual, I wasn't hurt, and it wasn't near my genitals. I just said it was wrong. She said "Well, your feedback is really important because most people are afraid of us." She said, "I'd love to meet you so we can clear this up, and everyone wants to meet a celebrity." She said she had seen the videotape and there was no sound, but she saw him reach around. She couldn't tell me what was being done to him but... and I stopped her and said she shouldn't do anything wrong. I said that I had talked to two lawyers and that was really a weird case because no one knows if he can be charged with assault or battery while working in that job. But I told her, that some of my lawyer really wanted to find out. She said, "Well, we're very new to this job..." and I said, "Yeah, so we need these test cases to find out where you stand." She said, "You know a LOT about this." I said, "Well, it's not really the right word, but it is kind of a hobby with me, and I have disposable income that I'll spend to do whatever it takes to get people more of it."

She said, "Well, the airport is very important to all of our incomes and we don't want bad press. It'll hurt everyone, but you have to do what you think is right. Give me your itinerary every time you fly, I'll be at the airport with you and make sure it's very pleasant for you." I have no idea what this means, does that they have a special area where all the friskers are topless showgirls, "nothing to hide, do you?" I have no idea. She pushes me for the next time I'm flying. I tell her I'm flying to Chicago around 2 on Sunday, if she wants to give me a security guy there to sneer at me. She says, she'll be there, and it'll be very nice. I have no idea what this means.

I tell her that I'm still thinking about pressing charges, and I don't just care about me, it's freedom in general. I say the only thing that was good about it, w

while they were dealing with me, maybe they weren't beating up people in wheelchairs. It was amazing. All she was trying to do was make me happy she'd burned a CD ROM of my video and it was being sent all around and they're going to change their training. She said, "We're federal employees, we're working for you, you pay us and we want customer satisfaction. It doesn't matter who is, we have to make you very happy so your flying experience is a pleasure and most people don't give us this kind of intelligent feedback."

So, that was it. I'm flying on Sunday, I have no idea what will happen. How about this? Do I really have some sort of mysterious VIP status to shut me up? Should I press charges? She said she was going to talk to the cop. I said he didn't say anything. She said, "Well, he may be able to see the forest for the trees, but he was right there." I quoted his "crank" comment and she laughed and then knew that was a very bad sign. I said, "He'll tell you I was polite, cold, angry, and funnier than that's more than should be expected of me. I still don't know what I'm going to do, but my advice to everyone is complain all you can and call the cops. I think it makes a little difference. Maybe you can become a VIP too."

### Penn

*Penn & Teller are a couple of eccentric guys who have learned how to do things. Together since 1975, their award-winning theatre show has been running hit on and off-Broadway and continues to play to sold-out houses across North America.*

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If I had behaved the same way in a similar situation, I doubt very much that the outcome would have been the same.

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Source: *Funny Times* November 2001

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## Travellers Write: Professionals Must Enforce Security at Airports

I flew during the holidays and experienced the so-called "new airport security. Frankly, I thought it was a joke ("As Security Rules Tighten, Airlines Attempt Dodges," Our View, Securing the Skies debate, 27 December).

During one of my trips, I saw an elderly couple, both probably in their early 60s, subjected to a body search while just behind them in the line a swarthy, middle-aged individual who appeared to be in his late 20s or early 30s - dressed in a mix of fatigues and warm-up clothes - passed through the security checkpoint without any questions. I seem to remember that the people who committed the 11 September terrorist attacks were young, swarthy mustached individuals.

I don't think we can have effective security at airports unless we recognise that we are at war. Political correctness has no place in a war setting. We must have qualified individuals manning the security checkpoints. I'm thinking of people who have the skill and training to examine individuals using profiling techniques.

should use common sense in our security measures at airports and check everyone but check those who fit a profile even more closely.

Also, I see no reason to have National Guard troops wandering around the airports. What real purpose do they serve except political window dressing?

It's time for the politicians to get "out of the loop" regarding airport-security measures and turn the responsibility over to professionals - not to a Transportation Department agency, but federal law-enforcement organisations experienced in providing security. The FBI and the US Secret Service could do a better job.

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## National Identification Cards

I'm a Boeing 757 captain with 28 years of experience. I've had 14,000 hours flying time. I have a bachelor's degree in aviation, and I am a US citizen.

Last week, while traveling in uniform to work, my suitcase and flight bag were opened and dumped on the floor in the initial screening. Then, since my ticket was one-way, the same thing was done to my flight bag when I got to the boarding gate. Later, still in full uniform and with an airport identification card, I was asked by a screener to take my shoes off.

Mind you, I don't blame the screeners; they're doing their jobs. But I'm really fed up with this kind of treatment when I'm flying, so I can imagine the public's disdain.

We need either a national identification card, a national security card or a traveler's identification card - and we need it now. I'd be the first one to support such a card.

A national identification card would make it possible for passengers to use separate security lines. It could be used in government buildings, entertainment complexes, as well as large businesses.

I'm sure there are those who oppose a national identification card, including local "authorities" such as airports, and county and city governments afraid of the money generated by current identification card fees. But they should realize that most Americans support such a card if they really care more about security than their own interests.

President Bush says Americans are willing to accept delays, but he hasn't experienced them. Business fliers are becoming fewer because of all these security measures.

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For a perspective on a de facto US national identity card, please see the a  
I'm Still Not Socially Secure! on the page following this one.

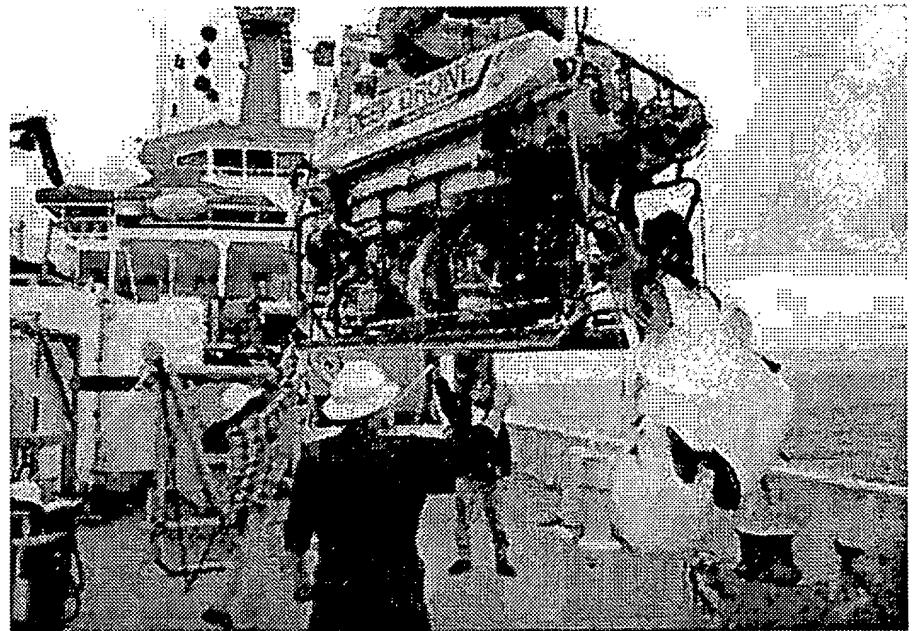


Passengers are scanned with wands at a security checkpoint in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport during the weekend between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Source: *USA Today* Thursday 3 January 2002; photo credit Ann Heisenfelt, Press

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## Study Highlights Aircraft Inspection Problems



**Preventable crash? The Navy's unmanned "Deep Drone" recovers debris from ill-fated Alaska Airlines Flight 261**

## **Poor Oversight, Training, Analysis Plague Program**

by Alan Levin

Washington - The federal government's program to oversee airline safety is plagued by poor training, inconsistent management and inadequate analysis of the data it collects. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), criticised for failing to identify problems leading to airline crashes, needs to speed improvements in the oversight program, says the Department of Transportation's inspector general. "The program is not reaching its full potential, and significant challenges to full implementation exist," says a summary of the report, which will be released at a hearing before Congress on Thursday.

The report praises the goals of the safety program and says the agency has made significant improvements in the past year. But the report is the latest of several to say that the agency stumbled when it introduced its Air Transportation Oversight System in 1998. Instead of relying on a limited number of inspectors to check aircraft, the FAA decided to push carriers to make managerial changes to enhance safety and to conduct extensive analysis to spot safety problems before they cause harm. The changes were spurred by the 1996 ValuJet crash, which was blamed in part on inadequate maintenance oversight. The investigation of the Alaska Airlines crash in 2000 also is focusing on maintenance problems.

FAA officials acknowledge that introduction of the program was rocky. But most of the early problems have been solved and with time the new program will provide far better results. However, the inspector general found these pro-

- **Data-collection systems still fall short** - FAA inspectors at an unnam found loose bolts on a jet that could have led to a fuel leak, but the computers would not allow them to note the problem in agency data
- **Inadequate inspector training** - Though the new system is based on for imbedding safety protections in airline management, 84% of FAA told the inspector general they had not been trained in these concep
- **Management of the system has been inconsistent** - At some FAA of inspectors work jointly with airline auditors, while at others inspecti done independently.
- **The new system is used to oversee only the 10 largest airlines** - F planned to expand its program to the other carriers two years ago, b problems delayed the expansion. The FAA has transferred concepts new program to its oversight of smaller carriers.

Source: *USA Today* Tuesday 9 April 2002; photo credit Spike Call (in 2000), via Reuters

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